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1. Between 20 and 30 December 1952, three Chinese Communist mechanized divisions moved from Chiamussu (N 46-49, E 130-21), where they had been in training since 1951, to the area south of Mukden.¹ These divisions, organized in Manchuria from veterans of the Northeast People's Liberation Army, were all Soviet-trained and equipped with Soviet tanks and self-propelled guns.
2. These divisions were part of the recently organized Chinese Communist 5 Field Army² and were to join other units of the 5 Field Army at Mukden.
3. This troop movement was the first movement of army size from north Manchuria since January 1951.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. According to available information, in December 1952 the 3 Armored Division was accepted in the Ssup'ingchien (N 43-11, E 124-22) area of Liaosi. In addition, an unidentified independent tank regiment and the tentatively accepted 4 and 6 Armored Divisions were listed as possibly in Northeast China.

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[REDACTED] Comment. This office knows of no reports of armored force training in Chiamussu. [REDACTED] reported that Ssup'ingchien and Yungchi (N 43-51, E 126-32) were the major Chinese Communist armored force training centers in Manchuria in 1951.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. The 5 Field Army is not accepted in current listings of Chinese Communist order of battle.

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